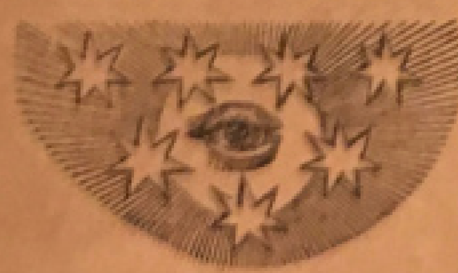
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The First Principles of Superscience.

There are in nature certain forces capable of molding human consciousness into the directions outlined by one who is capable of becoming master of said forces. There are certain methods outlined by the gods themselves, by following which man may learn to govern the expressions of these subtle and invisible forces of the superphysical worlds and make them active in modern world affairs. A person capable of manifesting these energies and making them work for him to any prescribed extent is called a Magician, or more correctly a Magus, or a juggler of natural law. A person who passes through the school outlined by the powers that be, and who gradually comes into these powers is called first an adept, and later an Initiate, who takes his place among those who dedicate their newly acquired powers to the service of humanity. The Masters work slowly but those who finally acquire after, not weeksbut years and ages, of conscientious application and purification, these great forces, can be trusted with them and seldom fail to make the proper use of them. There is only one way of preventing the misuse of power which is the great danger that confronts one who has recently come into a position of authority, and that is that with the coming of the power itself there must be also born in man a realization of responsibility, and an understanding of nature's plan equal to the power that is his, so that consciously and willingly the soul will dedicate that force to the service of good. Power brings egotism to the young and responsibility to the old. Nearly all who spend a few years in modern Metaphysics come out broken in mind and body, self-centered egotists, who do not know where they are mentally, have lost all desire to work and wander from one teacher to another searching for knowledge until at last the insane asylum or the state grave-yard claims them. They no longer have the power of thinking for themselves and follow like little puppy dogs every one who has a peculiar opinion.

The First Great Danger--Opinions.

Opinions are not facts. But the majority of Metaphysicians express them as such and there is no earthly need of such an attitude. All are students together, the teacher and the follower, and when the instructor dogmatically states that this is so and that is not so, or the Bible meant this, and not that, he speaks with authority on a subject about which he has no information save an opinion, which to him may be reasonable but not to anyone else. The great wisdom of the world is not in the hands of super-opinionated persons. Nor does it come by hunches. It has its representatives in the world but they are not gushy persons or rattlebrains but silent dignified teachers whose message is true because they have lived every line of its rules themselves. The ancient wisdom does not need to be proven, it proves itself upon application. But the endless contradictions which confront the students of metaphysics can never be proven or accepted by thinking individuals. If metaphysics would admit that it is an open forum for opinions and nothing else the public would be protected, but each of the scores of contradicting philosophers that compose it claim to have the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, proving this claim by trying to teach their own ideas to others who are sincerely seeking not for ideas but the base rock of common sense upon which to build a permanent structure. Looking over a series of advertisements put out by teachers along this line during the last few years, I am going to correct some of them for you. The first one says:

"Let me show you how to be a success." It sounds good, but an analysis of the party of the first part will show that the individual did not know himself but had some ideas on the subject. If his ad had been honestly written, it would have read something like this: "I have some ideas about success I do not know whether they will help you or not, but you have my permission to come and hear me talk about them."

Another one reads something like this:
"The Fourth Dimension Found" by John Doe. "Come and hear this remarkable speaker, etc." Here again fancy is passed off for fact. John hasn't the slightest idea what the fourth dimension is but he claims to have had a vision, the source of authenticity of which he knows nothing. His advertisement should read like this: "I believe that I know what the fourth dimension is. Come and hear me express my opinion on that interesting subject."

Two crimes are committed by these thoughtless persons who would be useful servants of the Masters if they were not so self centered. The first is, that they slander the reality and daily disgrace the spiritua truths that they claim to serve. The second is, they prevent the human soul from attaining the truth by leading him astray into the avenues of personal opinions that they are pawning off as facts.

Day after day individuals and organizations come to me, trying to impress me with the value of their ideas and the divine inspirations behind their cults. They express themselves fluently on subjects they know nothing about and then wonder how it is my soul is so clouded that I cannot see the divine wisdom of their soul or the magnificance of their opinion. Their whole scheme is an idea or maybe their interpretation of someone else's idea. They finally decide that I am wrong. Maybe I am, but out of the hundreds of opposing doctrines it is rather delightful to find a wrong one. None of them will admit that they are in error--that is to the public--but if the public were mind readers they might discover something.

When the teachers disagree, what shall the pupils do? If someone would find an answer to this question, the Metaphysical problem would be solved, and several other occult problems with it. Joseph's coat of many colors must have had something to do with New Thought. But what is the poor student to do when each teacher that comes along is inspired by the same God, or at least claims so, each teaching a different message, each claiming theirs to be better than any of the others, no two agreeing even on fundamentals and each claiming to teach the truth. When he does make a choice, he has nothing to guide him but speculation and some inducement of the most questionable spiritual nature. Is there any wonder that mere men's heads go round and round and that they finally go insane while trying to unravel the mystic maze that claims to lead to heaven but is much more often a blind alley leading into someone's pocket.

The world is filled with these wanderers, who do not know which way to turn. They have taken the only possible course, they have cut away from all these dissenting factions and are stumbling along as best they can. Their lives have been absolutely ruined and they are far worse off than they were in the days when they were still in the orthodox churches. They wander around like lost souls waiting for a God who never existed,save in someone's opinion, to care for them and protect them. And society as a mass must play the part of a God of another man's mind and care for these poor souls who have been robbed of their earthly possessions and individual minds.

This is not written in the spirit of criticism but is a plain expression of facts as they are. Every day they come to us groping in spiri

and body, floating like broken hulks on the sea of life. We are sorry for them and ask that those who are truly trying to help will join with us to help these people back on to their feet again, not filling their heads with more opinions but standing them upon their feet and aiding them to think for themselves again. When man loses his conceit and becomes human again he will realize that because he is able to think is no proof that he is able to think well.

Where Our Modern Teachers Come From. Our modern celebrities can be generally divided into two groups when we come to the problem of source One group are inspired, In the majority experience proves that their inspiration was a personal opinion strengthened by encouragement and conceit on the part of the individual himself. The other group are those who have taken lessons themselves from some other teacher. In the majority of cases this just proves to be the passing of opinions and acceptance of these opinions as facts by the student. How many of you would want to be operated on by a man who had only studied surgery for two weeks, and that only from someone who claimed to know? Yet we will trust our souls to one who claimed to have a vision, or who goes into trances. Many metaphysicians are sincerely trying to help, but the ground is so fertile that there has been a great influx of spiritual carpetbaggers and metaphysical patent medicine venders who are in for all they can get out of it. One of them told me that there was a fool born every minute and if he did not get it, someone else would. The "it" of course referring to the contents of your pocketbook. The mass of occult students today are not on the path. They think they are but it is again only someone's opinion. Even those who are looked up to as most advanced, and "old souls" are advancing into blind alleys. Either the students did not get what the teacher said or else they did and the teacher said nothing. It is of course an open problem as to which that is. The worst part is that they go out of life with less than they came in with for they came in with an opportunity and wasted that.

The Second Great Danger--Psychology. Thegreatest danger of psychology is that it is true. The mind of man, groping in the darkness of limitation, found the touchstone, or at least some did, that the gods had concealed since the days of Atlantis. A science whereby man may demand of the Infinite, and the Infinite must obey, has been founded upon that discovery. But the new blessing that man grasped at was a deadly thing, bearing upon it a curse, the curse of the gods. These powers belong to the gods and they bestow them upon those who are found worthy. But when man steals them from the Infinite, their new found power destroys them. Only the God man prepared after the manner of the law is fitted to grasp in his fingers those subtle forces that are now in the hands of fools. Instead then of a blessing to help us on our way, it only gives us another and more terrible way of expressing the beast within our own souls. For ages the beast has been bound to earth by his own limitations and ignorance but now he rises armed with the powers of the gods. HEAVEN ALONE KNOWS WHAT THE END WILL BE. This mighty power,that our forefathers never dreamed of, sank Atlantis, has destroyed all the races that have so far peopled the earth, and now like a plague it is descended upon our race to confront it with the great temptation. It is the demon at the shoulder of the master, it is the power of God himself, and how does selfish man know how to weild it. Crimes that once he hung for can now be done silently and unsuspected, things that he once labored for as an honest man he now seeks to secure through this subtle force; he strikes where those who do not know cannot retaliate. To the egotism and brutality of the beast is added now the sceptre of a demi-god. But of course in time things will right themselves and the plan go on. But if the present attitude is continued the race will dissolve itself in the swirl of occult, called by those who cannot manage them, and left like plagues upon nature's face.

The modern teachers of Psychology are unconsciously damning the race by teaching man to use the forces but not teaching him how to use them wisely. They have but one legitimate use, but no one would bother them if that use was explained and the present application made impossible. These forces are to be used only as directed by the masters for the unfoldment of man himself and the development of the earth. How many of the students of Psychology are using them that way? Not enough to discuss. <u>All personal uses of superphysical or mental power for the attainment of personal ends is criminal</u>. And all who make use of it in such ways secure with it the curse of the goda. The curse is this, that they will destroy themselves with their attempts to satisfy their own egotism. The curse is sure, they have already hypnotized themselves with the powers they sought to exert over others, and while millions will suffer with them, they will suffer most of all.

<u>The Answer.</u>

There is but one solution to the problem and it has nothing to do with creeds or clans. It is too late to conceal the knowledge, it is already on the lips of children. MAN MUST BEMTAUGHT TO ACCEPT WITH THIS DIVINE POWER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GODS. It is only in this way that he can prevent his own destruction. If he will only mold his life into the pattern of the Masters he may yet learn to weild this awful force as they do, that it brings forth good and not evil, a feast and not a famine. But will man think? Will he sacrifice himself now in order to save himself later? We hope, but we are sorely afraid that he will not bend to the will of the Masters until he has destroyed all. Man does not know how to use these finer forces, he is playing with destruction but will allow none to guide him or direct him. He wants what he wants and turns all the powers that he has to the attainment of his own desires. The things he wants will kill him, for they are all of the earth, earthy. He listens to none but, happy with the new found toy which he believes will make him happy, he shakes aff the hand of prudence and dashes blindly over the cliff to his death.

What good does it do to warn, they only laugh. What if the handwriting is upon the wall, they will not heed until the walls begin to to fall. And then they turn and pray for mercy, those who would not listen to the guidance of understanding. So Psychology will every day become more popular, teaching man to gain what he wants, but failing to teach him that only God knows what he truly needs. If he gains what he wants it will kill him and he never seeks for what he needs. So the curse of the gods is upon him for stealing their power and not accepting their understanding.

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